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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/242,461	Applicant(s) BOYLE et al.
	Examiner Brenda Coleman	Art Unit 1624

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Nov 10, 2003

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 7-9, 13, and 18-22 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 8 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 7, 9, 13, and 18-22 is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____

6) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 7-9, 13 and 18-22 are pending in the application.

This action is in response to applicants' amendment dated November 10, 2003. Claims 7 and 9 were amended.

The amendment filed November 10, 2003 under 37 CFR 1.116 in response to the final rejection **has been** considered and **entered**.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed November 10, 2003 have been fully considered with the following effect:

1. The applicant's amendments are sufficient to overcome the objections to the specification in the last office action, which are hereby **withdrawn**.

2. The applicant's amendments are sufficient to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection of the last office action, which is hereby **withdrawn**.

Quayle Action

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: the presence of a typographical error in the specification and punctuation errors in claim 7.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

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a) The amendment to the specification spanning page 2, line 6 to page 4, line 9 filed March 27, 2003 contains a typographical error, i.e. the definition of R² where R² is selected from the H; -C₁₋₄alkyl; -COC₁₋₄alkyl; and -COOC₁₋₄alkyl; and -C₁₋₃alkylene-Ph optionally substituted on the phenyl ring by R^a **and or** R^b. It is believed that the applicants intended and/or. See the page 2 of the amendment filed March 27, 2003.

Claims

4. Claim 7 and claims dependent thereon are objected to because of the following informalities:

a) The definition of the substituents on the aryl or heterocycle within the definition of R², R³, R⁴, and R⁵ includes periods after the a, b, c and d labels.

608.01(m) Form of Claims

The claim or claims must commence on a separate sheet and should appear after the detailed description of the invention. While there is no set statutory form for claims, the present Office practice is to insist that each claim must be the object of a sentence starting with "I (or we) claim," "The invention claimed is" (or the equivalent). If, at the time of allowance, the quoted terminology is not present, it is inserted by the Technology Center (TC) technical support staff. Each claim begins with a capital letter and ends with a period. **Periods may not be used elsewhere in the claims except for abbreviations.** See Fressola v. Manbeck, 36 USPQ2d 1211 (D.D.C. 1995). Where a claim sets forth a plurality of elements or steps, each element or step of the claim should be separated by a line indentation, 37 CFR 1.75(i).

b) The definition of the substituents on the C₁₋₄alkyl within the definition of Y includes periods after the a, b, c, d and e labels.

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- c) The definition of the substituents on the C₁₋₄alkyl within the definition of Y includes a moiety where the comma separating b and c is within the subscript.
- d) The definition of the substituents on the aryl and heterocycle within the definition of Y includes a two moieties which are not separated by punctuation, i.e. a comma is missing after CN.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 8 is allowed. None of the prior art of record nor a search in the pertinent art area teaches the species of claim 8.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda Coleman whose telephone number is (703) 305-1880. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, on Tuesdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, on Wednesday thru Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.



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November 26, 2003